

Increased funding for transportation enhancement activities

AMES, Iowa – March 10, 2009 – The Iowa Transportation Commission today approved \$5 million for transportation enhancement activities. These funds, secured from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), are in addition to \$7,122,500 in ARRA funds programmed by Iowa's nine metropolitan planning organizations and 18 regional planning affiliations for transportation enhancement projects. The ARRA requires that a minimum of \$10,744,860 of ARRA highway funds be spent on transportation enhancement activities.

The Iowa Department of Transportation received 121 project applications totaling more than \$87 million from local governments for trail-related transportation enhancement activities of statewide significance. These projects were evaluated based on their:

- Location on a statewide, regional or local trail system.
- Level of readiness to be constructed in a timely manner.
- Potential for tourism and economic development.
- Geographic distribution.

The following is a list of projects approved by the Iowa Transportation Commission.

Project Title	Applicant	Funding amount
Wabash Trace to Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge Trail Rehabilitation	City of Council Bluffs	\$543,866
Raccoon River Valley Trail Rehabilitation	Guthrie County Conservation Board	\$945,400
Sauk Rail Trail Paving – Maple River to Carnarvon	Carroll and Sac county conservation boards	\$1,000,000
Wabash Trace Nature Trail Paving from Mineola to Malvern	Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation	\$456,134
Resurfacing and Renovation of the Original Spine Trail and Poyzer Trail	Dickinson County Conservation Board	\$186,365
Rathbun Lake Multi-Use Trail – Culvert Extension at Highway J-18 and Ham Creek	Iowa Department of Natural Resources	\$150,000
Rathbun Lake Multi-Use Trail – Phase 1	Iowa Department of Natural Resources	\$845,000
Principal Riverwalk – Vine to Court Avenue, West	City of Des Moines	\$873,235

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